

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 19

In the gospel reading for the 7th Sunday in ordinary time, Jesus said to his disciples; “Offer no resistance to those who are evil”. If only we knew their definition of the term ‘evil’. But it would seem clear as to what we should do as followers of Jesus; not to take revenge or retaliation against those who differ but to love as the Father loves.

He said, “You shall love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”. Jesus, himself, when suffering on the cross asked his Father to forgive those who persecuted and tortured him.

To love your enemies is no small task and to some, probably a joke. “How can we love our enemies?” we ask. But Jesus says just those words as His Father desires. The new model is to love everyone including your enemy.

From the first reading, “Take no revenge and hold no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. Pretty straight forward wouldn't you agree?

We must continue to pray for all of us. We need love in our lives.
Love conquers all.

As stated in the song we have sung by Matt Maher:
All the People Said Amen

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All the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all.

And all the people said Amen

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